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## Family frets for missing journalist

**SEARCH** Grey clouds circled and a veil of unseasonably thick snow began to fall in the moments before a search party fanned out to track down a missing journalist yesterday afternoon.

Wet and windy conditions weren't enough to keep about 100 concerned friends and relatives from searching for the 47-year-old arts writer, who hasn't been seen for a week.

"It's totally out of character," said Gilbert Bouchard's brother, Daniel Bouchard.



Daniel Bouchard

"He's never gone missing before. He's been battling depression here for the last while. We're very worried about that."

His bank account has not been accessed, and his cellphone hasn't been used since Tuesday at 1:30 a.m., Daniel added.

Searchers fanned out over 131 sections of land around the University of Alberta, scouring wooded areas for Bouchard, and his belongings. After four hours of searching, no signs of the missing man were revealed.

Daniel said his brother is heavily involved in the arts community, has a long list of friends, and no known enemies. Police do not consider his disappearance suspicious. "Not knowing is the worst. We just want to know he's safe and not suffering."

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## YMCA Let your backbone slide



Sean Kim busts a move in front of his competitor during the Friends Till the End 2 on 2 Break Dance Competition at the Don Wheaton YMCA, yesterday afternoon.

# Swine flu crosses the border

## WHO says global health scare could become a pandemic

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### Dangerous strain

- The new flu strain, a mixture of various swine, bird and human viruses, poses the biggest risk of a large-scale pandemic since avian flu surfaced in 1997, killing several hundred people.
- New flu strains can spread

### Concerns on a never-before seen virus born inside Mexican borders reached Canadian soil over the weekend.

Though no Albertan cases of a swine flu that has killed up to 103 people in Mexico have been reported, provincial health officials warned residents to be mindful of the impending threat yesterday.

Albertans are being asked by the province to take precautions to help prevent the spread of the deadly infection.

Dr. Andre Corriveau, Al-

berta's chief medical officer of health, asked officials for increased surveillance yesterday, and to keep patients cognizant of simple preventative measures, like handwashing.

"We are asking anyone who develops a fever or cough and has recently re-

turned or had contact with someone recently returned from Mexico or the southern U.S., to call HealthLink Alberta for advice before visiting a physician's office, Medicentre or emergency room," he said.

Six Canadian cases were confirmed as of yesterday

afternoon — two in B.C., and four in Nova Scotia.

Canada and the United States were the only countries outside Mexico with confirmed cases yesterday. More than 1,600 people were believed ill from the virus in Mexico yesterday.

Some customs agents at the Edmonton International Airport strapped on surgical masks over the weekend, though airport safety measures remained at status quo.

"We'll continue to see if there's something more specific required," said spokeswoman Tracy Bednard, adding word must come from health agencies before additional safety

measures are taken. Luckily, she said, the peak season for sun spots has ended, drastically reducing the airport's number of direct flights to and from Mexico.

Airport officials are directing passengers to the World Health Organization's website for updates on the virus, which has become one of the biggest global health scares since SARS. The organization also warned that the spread of swine flu had potential to become a pandemic.

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A new non-for-profit group was launched Saturday that encourages Edmontonians to think about eating locally grown food. Just Food Edmonton, which falls under the Edmonton Food Security Network, is a group that promotes the purchase of locally produced foods. For more information, check out [foodforallmonton.org](http://foodforallmonton.org). **METRO EDMONTON**

# Local



## Foul weather postpones Earth Day fun

The unusually cold weather caused organizers to postpone yesterday's Earth Day Festival at Hawrelak Park. Organizers say the cold temperatures that have hovered slightly above the freezing mark within the last few days have made some entertainers and exhibitors pull out of the event. The festival's committee will meet later today to discuss a new date.

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# Darfur camps return to college

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With the violence still rising in the war-torn Darfur region of Sudan, a group of students who are living in tents at a makeshift refugee camp are hoping they won't have to do another event next year.

The group will be surviving off of rice and beans this week in the front lawn of Grant MacEwan College to draw attention to the violence in Darfur.

And after marching from Calgary to Edmonton twice in the last two years, organizers behind the Walk for Darfur say changes needed to be made since the crisis is still happening.

"We have to do this again because nothing is changing in Darfur," said Rishi Jaipaul, a co-ordinator with Walk for Darfur. "We don't want this to become an annual event."

The roughly 15 students, who all huddled outside the college in the snowy, cold weather yesterday, will walk 20 kilometres every day to schools within Edmonton.



Grant MacEwan students Matthew Kerby, left, and Travis Fulton raise a banner for their cause, Walk for Darfur, on a tent outside the college on 104 Avenue, yesterday afternoon. Participants will camp outside the college until Saturday, eating only rice and beans. The awareness campaign will end with a rally at End of Steel park Saturday at 11 a.m.

And on the final day of the walk on Saturday, the students will organize a massive walk from End of Steel Park for a rally at the legislature.

"We needed to do this because in refugee camps, you could be raped or murdered — there is no security there," said Jaipaul. "The only time when

you hear about the crisis is when a Canadian is kidnapped."

The United Nations says 300,000 people have died in the region, many from

disease and hunger.

Another 2.7 million have been made homeless by the Darfur conflict that began in 2003, according to the UN.

## Teen charged in stabbing death

**CRIME** Detectives are still trying to figure out what led to a massive fight that killed a 17-year-old boy in the city's north end early Saturday morning.

A violent fight that involved knives and bats broke out between two buildings at an apartment complex near 72 Street and 147 Avenue sometime around 2:40 a.m. Saturday morning, police said.

Police say three people were stabbed, including one who died of his injuries, a 17-year-old who friends have identified as Marlon Cutknife.

Cutknife was reportedly taken to the Royal Alexandra Hospital where he later died.

Police say they were able to track down several suspects with the help of its K-9 unit after the fight, and six people have so far been taken into custody.

A 16-year-old boy has been charged in connection with the homicide. Under the Youth Criminal Justice Act, the teen can't be named. The accused is facing charges of second-degree murder, aggravated assault, assault with a weapon, and possession of an offensive weapon.

An autopsy is scheduled for today at 1 p.m.

The case is the city's ninth homicide of the year.

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## News in brief

**ARREST** A 73-year-old man was arrested early Friday morning after he allegedly threatened his wife with a gun. City cops said they found a man sitting on a bench outside Southgate Mall with a loaded sawed off .22-calibre rifle that was inside a canvass bag. Police have not released the man's name or detailed charges.

**DRUGS** A 14-year-old girl is dead after swallowing a lethal dose of narcotics Friday night. The girl collapsed after she and her 14-year-old friend each took six hits of ecstasy at

a Rock n' Rode Dance Party. The girl, whose name has been withheld at the request of her family, was taken off life support Saturday afternoon.

**HOMICIDE** Police have laid homicide charges in connection with the death of 64-year-old Treana Theresa Carlson, who was found dead on April 22. Michel Victor Lamoureux, 50, has been charged with first-degree murder and possession of an offensive weapon.

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## Game over for community sports?

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**FUNDING** Getting funding for sports in Edmonton and the ability to attract big-name events like the Brier could be more challenging after Alberta's government axed the Wild Rose Foundation, said the Edmonton Sport Council.

The Wild Rose Foundation, which was set up 25 years ago to grant money for projects to non-profit

groups, was disbanded under the government's latest deficit budget.

The move will axe the government funds by roughly \$9 million.

But Gary Shelton, an executive director with the Edmonton Sport Council, says the move will make more groups asking for lottery funding.

And getting funding could be more challenging after Culture Minister Lindsay Blackett announced plans last week to

overhaul the criteria non-profit groups need to go through to get funding, said Shelton.

"Community sports could be left out," said Shelton.

Shelton said government funding to the council was used to attract and operate this year's Tim Hortons' Brier, along with paying staff with Special Olympics Alberta.

Blackett said the review will be completed later next month.

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What's online today.

**Video** Health officials caution Canadians to not dismiss the threat of swine flu at [metronews.ca/canada](http://metronews.ca/canada)

**Lotteries**

Friday, April 17: Lotto Super 7: 5, 6, 17, 21, 33, 40 & 41. Bonus 1. Saturday, April 18: Lotto 6/49: 1, 11, 17, 29, 31 & 46. Bonus 35. Results not official.



**Winnipeg lab involved in Mexico outbreak**

Winnipeg's virology laboratory is playing a leading role in the swine flu outbreak that has been blamed for several deaths in Mexico. The National Microbiology Lab has found the 16 positive cases among specimens sent from Mexico for testing. **CBC NEWS ONLINE**

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# Canada



## Jean wants co-operation

Gov. Gen. Michaëlle Jean called on Saturday for intensified energy co-operation with Ukraine, including in the nuclear sphere, to help it achieve energy self-sufficiency. Jean, interviewed during a state visit to Ukraine, also said it was up to Canada and other industrialized nations to help Ukraine find permanent solutions to the dire, long-lasting consequences of the Chernobyl nuclear disaster.

## Swine flu confirmed in Nova Scotia, B.C.

All cases involved only mild illness, officials say

**Canada reported its first confirmed cases of swine flu yesterday at opposite ends of the country, with two cases in British Columbia and four in Nova Scotia.**

Health officials in both provinces said all the cases involved only mild illness, and the people either contracted the virus because they had recently travelled to Mexico or had contact with someone who had been there.

Even so, health officials urged people to take precautions such as frequent hand washing and said they would take whatever actions are necessary to protect the public.

"The swine flu symptoms seen in Canada have thankfully been relatively mild

### Confirmed cases

- Nova Scotia health officials said the four cases there were at a school where students had recently been to Mexico.
- The two cases in British Columbia were not related to

each other, but both involved young men from the Vancouver area who had recently been travelling, according to the British Columbia Centre for Disease Control.

and the patients are recovering." Health Minister Leona Aglukkaq told a media briefing.

"As we continue to ramp up our surveillance efforts, these cases are likely not the last we'll see in Canada."

Ontario and Alberta both said they had no confirmed cases.

Millions of Mexicans stayed indoors to avoid a virus that has already killed up to 103 people there and

new infections in the United States fanned fears of a global swine flu pandemic.

Mexico is a popular winter vacation spot for Canadians, but there were signs this was being hurt. Air Canada said it was waiving the fees charged to people who want to delay trips to Mexico before the end of April.

Canadian border staff are trained to monitor travellers returning from Mexico for illness.

REUTERS

## Job for PM's pal prompts calls of cronyism

**OTTAWA** One of Prime Minister Stephen Harper's oldest and closest friends has again been awarded a government posting amid charges of political cronyism.

John Weissenberger, who was recently appointed to a three-year term with the Canada Foundation for Innovation, set off a storm of controversy when he was named chief of staff to Citizenship and Immigration Minister Diane Finley in 2007. A geologist, Weissenberger took the job with Finley after resigning under pressure from another con-

troversial posting to a judicial advisory committee.

The CFI is an independent corporation established in 1997 by the federal government to strengthen Canadian capacity for research.

It is responsible for investing hundreds of millions of dollars in the development of research infrastructure.

NDP MP Pat Martin said yesterday this kind of blatant patronage offends the sensibilities of Canadians almost as much as out-and-out corruption does.

"Harper never promised an end to patronage but he

did promise an appointments review commission and that's one of his biggest failures of his administration in my view," Martin said.

Weissenberger will be paid \$5,000 a year plus a per diem of \$750 when the CFI board meets, which is usually three times a year.

Industry Minister Tony Clement said Weissenberger's extensive management experience will greatly complement the work undertaken by the CFI and support the foundation's "world-class research capacity."

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## Toronto Khalsa Day parade



More than 70,000 people descended on Toronto to celebrate that city's annual Sikh Khalsa Day parade. The day celebrates the anniversary of the founding of the Sikh Order of the Khalsa by guru Gobind Singh.

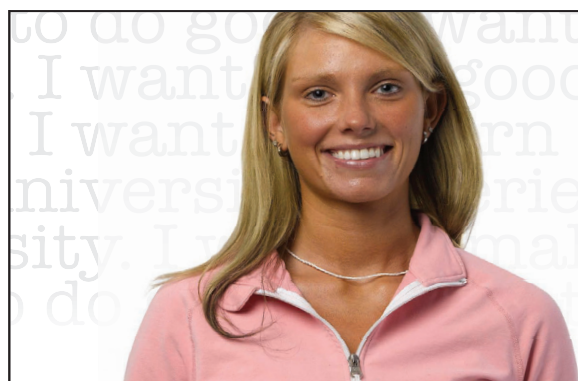
### News in brief

**VANCOUVER** The battle over Vancouver's supervised injection site continues today as the federal government appeals an earlier decision that allowed Insite to keep operating. Supporters like

Maxine Davies, executive director at the Dr. Peter Centre, say the clinic provides an essential harm-reduction service. Davies said some people living with HIV/AIDS treated at the centre use illicit drugs

and Insite helps reduce the transmission of diseases and serves as a gateway to detox programs. The case will be heard at the B.C. Court of Appeals.

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Archeologists have unearthed a cache of pharaonic-era mummies in brightly painted wooden coffins near Egypt's little-known Lahun pyramid. The mummies were the first to be found in the sand-covered desert rock surrounding the 4,000-year-old pyramid. The team expects to announce more finds soon. **REUTERS**

# World



## Pork groups warn barn workers

U.S. pork groups have issued specific precautions about swine flu after an outbreak in Mexico, which has killed 103 people and spread to the U.S. There is no evidence that any of the cases stemmed from contact with pigs, but because people and pigs can pass flu viruses to each other, pigs and barn workers should be vaccinated for seasonal flus, and sick employees should stay away from barns, the groups said. **REUTERS**

## Mexico City grinds to halt

**Fears of a global swine flu pandemic grew with new infections in the United States and Canada yesterday as the world raised its defences against a virus that has already killed up to 103 people in Mexico.**

While the only deaths have been in Mexico, the flu is spreading with 20 cases in the United States and six in Canada, and possible cases in Europe and New Zealand.

Several major U.S. airlines are allowing customers to change travel plans to Mexico without any fee or penalty after a swine flu outbreak, but they said yesterday that there had been no flight cancellations so far.

New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg confirmed that eight schoolchildren there had caught the swine flu



A woman gets her throat checked for illness by medical personnel before entering a bar in Mexico City yesterday.

virus, although the cases were mild and the illness did not appear to be spreading rapidly.

Twelve cases have been confirmed in California, Kansas, Texas and Ohio, and the U.S. government

has declared a public health emergency.

In New Zealand, 10 students from a school party that had been in Mexico were being tested after showing symptoms. **REUTERS**

## Nations raise their guard

- A WHO official said Middle East countries should monitor visitors from the U.S. and Mexico, but it was not necessary to impose quarantine on all incoming travellers from there.

- The UAE was also considering banning pork products from Mexico and the U.S.

- Russia imposed curbs on meat imports from Mexico, a number of U.S. states and the Caribbean.

- Four people in France were being checked after arriving from Mexico with symptoms, and three people in Spain were hospitalized.

## Italian cruise ship foils pirates with guns, hose

**NAIROBI** An Italian cruise ship used guns and a fire-hose to beat off an attack by pirates off the east African coast, the vessel's captain said yesterday.

Pirates also freed a Yemeni-owned tanker, the Sea Princess II, a Kenyan official said yesterday.

Cmdr. Ciro Pinto of the MSC Melody, which has a capacity of 1,500 passengers and crew, said his ship was slightly damaged.

The ship was attacked 960 kilometres off the So-

mali coast. Pinto said pistols were handed out to security. They opened fire on the pirates, even spraying them with a water hose, when they tried to clamber up the sides of the ship.

The pirates abandoned their efforts to board the ship, but still followed it for another 20 minutes.

Pirates also released a Yemeni-owned tanker yesterday. The vessel was seized Jan. 2. It held 15 crew members, including eight Indian sailors. **REUTERS**

## News in brief

**SRI LANKA** Tamil Tiger rebels declared a unilateral ceasefire yesterday, with the military having cornered them along with thousands of civilians. The move was quickly rejected by the government, who

demanding surrender.

**BERLIN** A plan to give religion lessons the same status as ethics classes in schools was defeated in a referendum yesterday, with 14.1 per cent in favour. **REUTERS**

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# Comment & Views

## Comment

## Drumroll, please. Anne's new hobby is ...

### HineSight

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The results of our Choose Anne A Hobby contest are in. I've received messages suggesting I try everything from motorcycle repair to mosaic making to Chinese calligraphy to duplicate bridge.

What I've learned this week is that Metro readers are interesting, smart and often hilarious and it's a darn shame my partner, Liz, says I'm not allowed to invite every one of you over for dinner.

I was encouraged by the number of readers who think I can be given pointy objects such as scissors and knitting needles without bad things happening. And everyone suggested I pick a hobby I'm passionate about. Unfortunately, eating uncooked cookie dough and sleeping late

aren't really hobbies.

The award for "most likely to land me in jail" was a tie. R.H. suggested cutting words from magazines and fashioning them into ransom notes as a fun, affordable hobby. R.H., I'll need your home address so I can pass it on to the ... um ... to some friends.

Another reader encouraged me to take up sketching, noting this is inexpensive if I "borrow" paper and pens from my employer. I'm a student minister. "Borrowing" office sup-

plies is not an option. Besides, they won't give me a key to the supply cupboard.

David from Vancouver suggested I start a blog to promote my books, but I'm not very comfortable with self-promotion. I would never announce, for example, that I have a new book coming out this fall (non-fiction humour, titled Parting Gifts: Notes On Loss, Love And Life, published by McArthur & Co. Please, please buy a copy and I'll clean your house). It's just not me.

Mary Kuipers voted that I paint rocks and place them around my flower garden. I like this. I could paint "No Squirrels Allowed," though "Squirrel Buffet" would be more accurate.

Ziggy in Toronto said her hobby is collecting free samples. Ziggy's scores include free cookies, spray mist, lotion, condoms and pairs of underwear. There's just no bad part of free underwear.

But a winner must be chosen. It is Colleen Kenney, who asked, "How

about dragon boating?" How about it, indeed? It's got "spunky urban warrior woman" written all over it. If not, the T-shirt I plan to get certainly will.

So, the prize of a Metro pen and chocolates goes to Colleen. Let's hope this doesn't change her. And my sincere thanks to you all. The only thing more fun than doing my new hobby may have been choosing it.

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## Views

## Good news and bad news for LRT riders

### InTransit

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I have good and bad news for LRT riders today. Scratch that: I have great news for Edmontonians who love LRT and bad news for those who love parking at stations.

The great news is obvious if you're reading this on a train between South Campus and Health Sciences. With 15,000 new

daily rides predicted, quite a few people are doing just that.

Either way, there's plenty to celebrate. For one, Edmonton hasn't opened this much new LRT track since the 1981 extension to Clareview.

Peak service is up along the whole line. Twenty new weekday round trips means a train every five minutes instead of six, and over a longer period, too — finally some relief for crowded trains.

A pleasant surprise is seeing information screens on platforms. With luck, this will soon mean knowing exactly when trains

are coming.

One thing you won't find on the south LRT is parking. Two months ago, I wrote that at \$50,000 per stall, I wouldn't have built any either.

I also suggested charging a fee at the overflowing lots in the northeast, which brings me to the bad news for park-and-riders: Someone at the city was reading.

In my defence, I proposed a dollar per day, not three. While I think copying blindly is a terrible idea, the latter is what is currently being implemented in Calgary.

Drivers protested, but

with more than half the lots still free and significantly more spots available per rider, Calgary's pay lots are nearly full again.

This is, of course, the idea: Charge just enough to keep the lots full while still promoting carpooling, taking the bus, walking, and biking.

Get it right and there's no more fighting for spots, ridership goes up, and there's even money for transit. Get it wrong and people just keep driving.

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# Going Green



## Litter affects us all

A Toronto woman has begun a campaign in an attempt to resolve the country's litter problem. Benita Grist's message is simple: Litter affects all of us, even you.

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# Share your green parenting tips

Meeting a baby's needs and being eco-friendly at the same time can be trying

## EarthTones

### Sophia Dore & Andrew Laursen



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Another Earth Day has come and gone. Well, we hope it hasn't gone in spirit.

We've been on hiatus and it kind of feels like we slept through Earth Day this year, although the reality is that we've barely slept at all. We deliberately try to maintain some personal distance in these articles for objectivity, but the inspiration for this article (and the reason for the hiatus and sleepless nights) is highly personal.

We've just welcomed our first child, a beautiful daughter, and we actually celebrated our Earth Day trying to fit an eight-pound infant into a 15-pound cloth diaper.

Looking into those big eyes peering out at us over the waistband of her diaper, we realized two things: 1) The cloth diaper would need a breathing hole; and 2) Earth Day and all that it represents suddenly means much more. It's easier to be blasé about future generations when they are not wearing your genes.

The irony, and I think other new parents may appreciate this, is that while we view a clean and healthy environment as her birthright, meeting her immediate needs can have the opposite effect, at least in the short term. Given that the breathing

hole idea has not panned out, we are using disposables until her neck, at least, protrudes from the cloth diaper. Our trash output for the past three weeks has been on par with the previous three months, and it is with a sense of shame that we haul it to the curb on trash days.

The other thing we've learned about babies is they like to be warm. We're a bit notorious for keeping the house cold all winter and hot in the summer. Somehow, we can't get her to buy in. She just doesn't under-



stand when we tell her to stop whining and put on a sweater.

And babies mean laundry. Lots of laundry, which will only pick up once the disposable diapers can be disposed of. We now get why adult laundry soap comes in small bottles and baby laundry soap comes in huge bottles. It will be a banner day when she outweighs her laundry soap.

Of course, having a baby also means less travelling, less eating out, less watching TV and working on the computer (really, I'm not just playing games). So maybe it balances

out, but we'd really like to be doing better for her world.

Anyway, the point of this article is not to complain, because although we are now zombies, there are no happier zombies anywhere. The purpose is to invite you to share some of your green parenting tips. It would be a big help to us, and we would love to share some ideas in a future column.

So tell us, what changes have you made to your lifestyle since having kids that cut down on energy use, laundry, trash output, etc. We'd love to know so we can stop hiding our trash in our neighbours' bins (just kidding, Gilmores).

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# U.S. seeks reins in new set of climate talks

The United States hopes to take the reins of international efforts to battle global warming this week with a meeting of major economies aimed at facilitating a UN pact to cut greenhouse gas emissions.

U.S. President Barack Obama called the meeting last month to relaunch a process that began under his predecessor, George W. Bush, whose commitment to curbing climate change was viewed with skepticism by much of the world.

The stakes are higher now. The Kyoto Protocol, which caps greenhouse gas emissions, runs out in 2012 and leaders from around the globe will gather in Copenhagen in December to forge a successor treaty. Environmentalists hope renewed engagement by the United States and Obama's push for U.S.

leadership on the issue will result in a deal.

The White House views this week's meeting in Washington, which groups 16 major economies including the European Union and the United Nations, as an avenue toward securing a broader pact — a goal many believed Bush did not share.



"The Bush administration obviously had a completely different approach to this issue than we do," Todd Stern, the U.S. Special Envoy for Climate Change, told Reuters, adding Obama wanted to invigorate the forum with more substance.

"They were not fundamentally looking for an international agreement," he said of the Bush administration. "We are looking for an international agreement and we're looking

for co-operation at a significant, we hope, transformative level."

Secretary of State Hillary Clinton is scheduled to make opening remarks today. The major economies include: Canada, Australia, Brazil, Britain, China, the European Union, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Korea, Mexico, Russia, South Africa and the United States. Denmark, which is hosting the UN meeting in December, was also invited. **REUTERS**

## News in brief

**LAW** Global warming activist Al Gore on Friday urged passage this year of a U.S. law to slash greenhouse emissions, saying failure to pass legislation could cause the collapse of world climate negotiations. Gore, star of the Oscar-winning documentary *An Inconvenient Truth*, told members of the House Energy and Commerce Committee that passing a climate law is a "moral imperative" that will affect U.S. standing in the world community. "Once we find the moral courage to take on this issue, the rest of the world will come along," Gore said. **REUTERS**



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California's new low-carbon fuel rules may be a violation of NAFTA and World Trade Organization provisions because they would unfairly limit exports of crude from Canada's oilsands to the state, a prominent Canadian trade lawyer said Friday. **REUTERS**

# Business

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## EU seeks to ban seal products

European ambassadors approved a European Union plan to ban imports of furs and other products from culled seals Friday, moving the 27-nation bloc one step closer to a trade clash with Norway and Canada. Both seal-hunting nations have warned the EU in recent weeks they could challenge the EU ban at the World Trade Organization if it takes shape as currently foreseen. **REUTERS**

## The rise of movie piracy

Recent leak of Wolverine film putting Hollywood on edge

**The highly publicized leak of the yet-to-be-released movie X-Men Origins: Wolverine on the Internet has shaken Hollywood, and some analysts say the theft represents the single biggest threat to the movie industry yet as it tries to survive in the digital age.**

Unlike smaller productions that might have been pirated, this one cost more than \$130 million US, so studio executives are anxiously waiting to see what impact more than 100,000

### Canada under scrutiny

The Canadian Motion Pictures Distributors Association estimates that trade in counterfeit goods caused a loss to

the industry of \$225 million in 2005 alone, with the Canadian government forgoing \$34 million in tax revenue.

downloads might have at the box office.

No one is more nervous about the new digital reality than Hollywood. Studio bosses are ramping up security for the slew of movies due this summer, including Harry Potter and

the Half-Blood Prince and Star Trek.

Piracy has also become a huge issue in Canada, where people are three times as likely as Americans to buy counterfeit goods, according to a 2007 Pollara survey for the anti-

counterfeiting network lobby, with 40 per cent saying they knowingly purchased illegal products.

Still, despite the leak of Wolverine, things may not end up in disaster after all, said Charlie Keil, an associate professor of cinema studies at the University of Toronto.

"The publicity might help push the movie into the news, where the one per cent of the population that hasn't heard of it might go see it," Keil said.

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## Japan Celebrating Akihabara



Japanese women dressed as maids carry the Akihabara "mikoshi," or portable shrine, during an event to promote Tokyo's Akihabara district yesterday. Akihabara in recent years has gained fame as a centre of gaming, manga and animation culture.

### Business in brief

**TRADE** Experts say Canada's trading landscape could soon resemble that of the United States or Europe, where small-

er trading venues have proliferated at the expense of exchanges that once held an effective monopoly.

**TECH** Don't expect Research In Motion Ltd. to back away from its touch-screen technology just because its answer to the

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**Canada drops nine on Hungary**

Martin St. Louis registered a hat trick as Canada cruised in its second game at the IIHF World Hockey Championship with a 9-0 shellacking of Hungary yesterday. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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# Sports

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## Martin makes NFL history

Western lineman becomes first CIS underclassman ever taken in NFL draft

PERRY LEFKO  
for Metro Canada

**Vaughn Martin is looking forward to the next stage of his football career, one that has gone from the Canadian university level to the National Football League in only two years.**

The San Diego Chargers selected the defensive lineman in the fourth round of the 2009 National Football League Draft yesterday. Martin, who played at the University of Western Ontario, opted to pass up his remaining three years of eligibility, feeling he was ready to play professionally.

The 22-year-old Jamaican-born, London, Ont.,-raised product became the first-ever Canadian university-

produced underclassman to be drafted, and the highest-drafted player from a Canadian school since Mike Schud went 23rd overall to the Rams from Queen's in 1986.

Chargers' director of college scouting John Spanos said on the club's website that the organization values Martin's raw talent.

"Obviously he played at a lower level of competition than the typical Division I college, but our guys loved how he showed flashes of dominance," Spanos said on the team's website. "He moves like a guy that is smaller. He has tremendous upside and his best football is ahead of him."

Martin said he is excited about the next stage of his football career.



Martin, right, was such a dominant force in CIS that he drew interest from more than a dozen NFL teams before being drafted by San Diego.

"They said they would start me out at right defensive end and then work my way to nose," Martin added on the Chargers' website. "I'm excited to play both positions and to play with the personnel they have. I have a lot to learn as far as technique."

"My quickness helped me with having to play a yard off, so playing a yard closer

will be nice."

Martin's agent, Hadley Engelhard, likes Martin's upside.

"He's got some true talent, most of which has been untapped," Engelhard told Metro News. "When he gets to San Diego and learns the game, the ceiling is unlimited for him. Obviously they got a feel for him that he's a lot further along than people think. We weren't surprised where he went."

Martin recorded 62.5 defensive tackles, 4.5 sacks and three fumble recoveries in university and impressed NFL teams with his power and speed.

Engelhard said Martin could collect as much as \$750,000 US in his first season alone, combining base pay and a signing bonus.

## Another series win for Jays

Scott Rolen hit a go-ahead RBI single in the eighth inning, helping the Toronto Blue Jays beat the Chicago White Sox 4-3 yesterday to secure their sixth-straight series win this season. After a shaky start, Toronto starter Roy Halladay (4-1) settled down and retired 12 of the last 14 batters he faced. The Jays remain in first place in the American League East with a 14-6 record. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**



Henrik Lundqvist of the Rangers is beaten by Viktor Kozlov.

## Caps, 'Canes force Game 7

STANLEY CUP

2009 Playoffs

**Capitals 5 N.Y. Rangers 3**

Tom Poti notched a goal and three assists to register a playoff career high for points and rookie Simeon Varlamov made 29 saves, as the Washington Capitals posted a dominating 5-3 win against the Rangers in Game 6 of their Eastern Conference quarter-final set. The Capitals evened the series at three games apiece and will look to complete a comeback from a 3-1 series deficit in tomorrow's Game 7. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Cam Ward made 28 saves for his third career playoff shutout and Eric Staal scored twice, as Carolina staved off elimination with a 4-0 victory over the New Jersey Devils in Game 6 of their Eastern Conference quarter-final series. Ray Whitney contributed a goal and three assists for the Hurricanes, who will face New Jersey in a deciding Game 7 tomorrow.



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The New York Rangers want the NHL to discipline the Washington Capitals, saying poor security led to the confrontation between their coach and fans. Coach John Tortorella was given a one-game suspension for squirting water and tossing a water bottle into the crowd in Washington during Friday's 4-0 loss. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

## Canada takes curling bronze

**ITALY** Canada came back from a five-point deficit to beat China 6-5 and win bronze at the world mixed doubles curling championship in Italy Saturday, narrowly avoiding a second-straight upset loss.

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# MacTavish may not be totally gone

**C**raig MacTavish is done as coach of the Edmonton Oilers after being relieved of his duties April 15, but does that mean he's off the payroll and out of the organiza-

tion altogether?

I'm not convinced about the latter, and I wonder if MacTavish and president of hockey operations **Kevin Lowe** were discussing the possibilities a week ago in Las Vegas or if they were

ply be paid out while he takes a year off?

MacTavish will get his full salary, about \$1 million, for the 2009-10 season. The question is, will he earn it in a position in hockey operations or sim-

ply be paid out while he takes a year off?

MacTavish's ties within the organization run deep, from owner **Daryl Katz** to Lowe and GM **Steve Tambellini**. If MacTavish, who has yet to speak with reporters since being let go, wants to make a move into management, my guess is he'll get the chance.

Tambellini spent last week assessing hockey operations from top to bottom, including assistant coaches, assistant general managers **Kevin Prendergast** and **Rick Olczyk**, the scouting staff, and players. Stay tuned.

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Apparently, the feeling is imports **Ciarrick Fason** or **Arkee Whitlock**, both former Minnesota Vikings, will be a better fit.

The CFL's Canadian draft takes place Saturday. The Eskos don't have a pick until the second round, 11th overall.

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As part of the Alberta government's comprehensive review and study of the prospect of nuclear power generation in Alberta, the province is committed to consulting with Albertans on this issue.

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## ESKS GEARING UP

The Edmonton Eskimos will wear retro jerseys for three home dates at Commonwealth Stadium this season.

The first date is July 16, when the Eskos will wear jerseys circa 1963 against the B.C. Lions. They'll add other touches, such as making the video screens and scoreboard black and white, and there's a possibility retro concession items will be added. Does that mean hotdogs for 25 cents?

Here and now, it was obvious the signing of **Jesse Lumsden** in February would change the face of coach **Richie Hall's** offensive backfield, but it's still a bit of a surprise that the Eskos released **A.J. Harris** Friday.

Harris played 11 games with the Eskos in 2008, picking up 557 yards on 99 carries and adding 422 yards on 37 receptions. He had six touchdowns.

## WHILE I'M AT IT . . .

The uniforms unveiled by the Edmonton Capitals of the Golden Baseball League are trimmed, not surprisingly, in the colours of the Oilers. All in all, the new threads for Katz's baseball team look sharp.

One question, though, for local designer **Sheehan May**: What's with the caped superhero shoulder patch? Call me dim, but what does this still-un-named "Capital Man" have to do with baseball?

After four seasons and two CIS hockey titles, Alberta Golden Bears coach **Eric Thurston** must have set some kind of unofficial record for being in limbo before having the "interim" tag removed from his job title by the U of A Thursday. It's Thurston's gig now as he takes over for **Rob Daum**.

In a decade covering the Edmonton sports scene, Robin Brownlee has been the news-breaker and insightful voice for sports fans in Oil Country; [edmontonletters@metronews.ca](mailto:edmontonletters@metronews.ca).

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# Summer Camps

## Anxiety is normal: Expert

But prep goes a long way when sending kids to camp

SHELLEY WILLIAMSON  
for Metro Edmonton



**Sending kids to camp needn't be packed with worry. Here are tips to keep anxiety off the to-do list as you prepare to see the kids off for the first, or 10th, time.**

Calgary registered psychologist Dr. Brian Zelt suggests sleepovers prior to a trip to camp.

"I wouldn't use the summer camp as the first opportunity to stay away, and if they have a chance to stay at a grandparent's or friend's place first, that would be a better situation," said Zelt.

Though most camps have a minimum age, age is not always the best ruler of readiness.

"I worked in summer camps myself, and sometimes even the older kids still struggle with being away," said Zelt.

"Transitional objects" such as a pillow, stuffed animal or prized PJs can help kids bring a piece of home along, said Zelt, adding he's also heard of parents planting notes in a child's belongings or leaving letters with camp staff for delivery over the week.

One thing to avoid is gushy sentiments of how you will miss the child, be-

**"Sometimes even the older kids still struggle with being away."** Dr. Brian Zelt

cause more sensitive kids can worry about whether parents are having a good time, he said.

And parents experiencing anxiety of their own can combat this with a little planning.

"I have seen that quite often, when parents' whole identity is tied up in the children ... but now they have this time to fill. I would encourage them to plan what the week will look like beforehand, and maybe take the time to spend time with a spouse, friends, or perhaps it's an opportunity to spend time with a younger child."

Parents should also avoid steps like calling counsellors or the camp director.

A little anxiety in kids is normal, but the camp is bound to let parents know it gets more severe and a child show signs of distress such as prolonged crying or physical symptoms.

Once you are prepared mentally, it's on to packing.

To make this task a no-brainer, labelmakers such



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A great way to prepare your kids for a fun time at camp is to try sleepovers, suggests Calgary registered psychologist Dr. Brian Zelt.

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# Help spark kids' creativity

Following are 10 tips to help stimulate your children's creativity, boost their imagination and get them inspired.

**1 Day tripping:** Kids love 1 day trips that get them out of the house and expose them to new adventures. Consider taking them to your local museum, gallery, science centre or zoo for a unique adventure and to inspire their creativity.

**2 Creative work spaces:** Give them a place free of distraction that will allow their minds to wander. If you have the space, create a room in your home designed to stimulate their interests. You can hang a curtain across one end for theatre performances or, if you're more adventurous, leave a wall for them to paint on and express themselves artistically.

**3 Inspirational gifts:** When giving gifts, select ones that present the opportunity for imagination. Puppets, costumes and even Lego will foster creative thought and play. For a



A fun activity can involve letting kids help in the kitchen.

cost-effective gift, pack egg cartons, shoe boxes, bubble wrap, bathroom tissue, kitchen towel tubes and other leftover materials into a bag with paints, markers and Sellotape and let them build you a space ship or a doll or something completely unique.

**4 Praise a job well done:** Show them how proud you are of their artistic accomplishments. Frame their artwork and display it on a wall in your house, on the refrigerator or in their bedroom.

**5 Encourage personal style:** Allow them to design and customize their own clothing. Purchase a pair of white sneakers (such as Keds) or a white T-shirt and some decorating supplies and let their personal taste and creativity shine.

**6 Little chefs:** Kids love to get messy in the kitchen, mixing and measuring ingredients. Let them take over the decorating of cupcakes, cookies and other treats and add their own personal flair.

**7 Décor and more:** Involve your children in their room's décor by asking them for their opinion on colour and furniture layout.

**8 Movie madness:** Enjoy a day out with the family at the movies. Animated films in particular push the boundaries in terms of storyline and visual effects.

**9 Music to their ears:** Ensure music is an integral part of their daily lives. By playing light music while you're in the kitchen or in the car, you can introduce them to a variety of cultural influences — chose a different station each day or every week, too.

**10 Snap happy:** In addition to mom and dad taking photographs, let the kids be the photographer every now and then and have them capture special moments. They might not be at the best angle or the most flattering shots — but you'll certainly smile when you see their perspective on things.

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# Family fun makes everyone happy

Summer is a great time to get the family out of the house for some enjoyable activities as the days are warm, there is increased daylight and there are flowers everywhere.

Below are some great ideas for family fun that will keep your kids safe and happy:



Summer is a great time to go to the local ice cream shop.

## Avoid drama

With the worries of winter driving behind you, families are taking to the open road for those long car trips to the cottage and other fun destinations. If your children start to get restless, try reading them a story or share the enjoyment of a new video release with a portable DVD player. The latest versions offer two LCD screens for the price of one, so the whole car no longer needs to huddle around one screen.

## Scream for ice cream

Organize the family to take a bike trip to the local ice cream shop and in-

dulge in your favourite flavours. Make sure to wear helmets and to review the safety signals with the kids before putting the bike to pavement. Ice cream is a great treat in the middle of a bike ride.

## Play a ballgame

Playing catch is a great way to enjoy the outdoors and get some exercise with your kids.

Whatever you plan to do this spring, make sure the whole family is involved and having fun. We only get a few short months of this great season so make the most of it.

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# Easy tips to teach your toddler to swim

**Swimming lessons for children often begin when they start school, but many people successfully teach toddlers or even babies to swim safely on their own — with adult supervision, of course.**

Here are some easy steps to teaching your toddler to swim:

**Be positive**

The basics of teaching a young child to swim are to keep things positive, smile and speak reassuringly, and be sure to explain what you are about to do at every step. Use a 1-2-3 countdown when starting something new. Hold firmly, so the child senses he or she is safe.

Start with playing on the

steps. Give them a toy, and let them get accustomed to the water. Ask them to pretend the water is paint and to cover themselves with their favourite colour.

Progress to blowing bubbles with them. Demonstrate by taking a big breath and blowing bubbles in front of them.

Be patient. Some children can be intimidated at the prospect of putting their face near the water. Sit down on the top step with the child and show them how to kick. Keep legs fairly straight.

Prepare your child to put the face underwater by submerging an object or toy on the steps. Let your child ride on your shoulders to prepare them to

glide. Bring them through chest-deep water. Move the child to dipping underwater with a 1-2-3 count-down. If water gets in the eyes, encourage children to wipe it away like a windshield wiper rather than rubbing.

**The 'crab crawl'**

Teach children to "crab crawl" along the wall to get back to the steps. This is an important safety lesson — children will know there is a safe place to go if they are in distress.

Have your child use your shoulder as a pillow to learn the back float. The child's toes should be poking up through the surface of the water and the head tilted back.

Next, teach a prone glide with your arms supporting at the chest and waist or legs. Have the child hold arms straight in front and close the mouth. Gradually add the kick. Have your child sit on the side and lower them into the water as you step away from the wall.

Finally, combine all the learned skills by having your child push off the steps, kick, turnaround and head back to the steps. And remember, always demonstrate, speak reassuringly and be patient. With a solid foundation of swimming skills and water safety, you and your child will be able to enjoy your pool together for years to come.

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Positivity is key when teaching children to swim.



Ensure your child wears both straps to prevent possible injury.

## Backpack safety important for kids

As children prepare for summer days of hiking with friends or a week at summer camp, parents across Alberta are selecting backpacks to hold their child's belongings. But backpacks often carry heavy loads and can cause headaches, back, neck and arm pain and even nerve damage.

The Alberta College and Association of Chiropractors provides the following tips for choosing, packing and carrying a backpack:

- The top of the backpack should not extend higher than the top of the shoulder and the bottom should not fall below the top of the hipbone.
- Select a backpack made of lightweight material (such as vinyl or canvas).
- Shoulder straps should be at least two inches wide, adjustable and padded.
- The backpack should have a padded back for added protection and comfort.
- A hip strap or waist belt redistributes as much as 50

to 70 per cent of the weight off the shoulders and spine onto the pelvis, equalizing the strain on the bones, joints and muscles.

- Choose a backpack that has several individual pockets instead of one large compartment to distribute

the weight evenly.

- Explore other backpack options, such as one with wheels and a pull handle for easy rolling.
- Keep the weight in the backpack below 10 per cent of the child's body weight.

- Pack your child's backpack so the heaviest items are closest to the body.
- Ensure your child wears both straps — slinging a backpack on one shoulder puts a lot of strain on the growing body and spine.

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Be sure to read Workology and Metronews.ca/work for our pet industry feature series Paws and Claws. Seen here is Fat Fat, the 3-year-old Pekingese, submitted by a loyal Metro reader. Also, be sure to check out Workology on Mondays AND Wednesdays from now on.

**Metro Workology exclusive: Paws and Claws**

# Workology

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## New website for Winnipeg

The University of Winnipeg has launched the first phase of its redesigned website. A large graphic on the homepage links to the university "You of W" portal, as well as to information about academic programs, student awards, and sustainability initiatives. The site also links to uWinnipeg's \$70-million "A World of Opportunity" capital campaign.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

# Pet fashion, a booming trade?

Haute Couture for our canine friends blossoming in popularity

## Paws and Claws

RAFAEL BRUSILOV  
for Metro Canada

**Sunglasses for Shi Tzus, couture jackets for cats and mittens for miniature mutts? It's true — fashion has truly gone to the dogs.**

Jeff Rustia, executive producer of the television show *Pet Fashion* on The Pet Network, has seen it all as more people indulge in the art of splurging people-pleasures on their pets.

"The whole pet fashion industry is just booming because pet owners love to treat their pets like their own kids — they like to nurture them, feed them well and dress them up," Rustia said.

The fashion world has wholeheartedly embraced pet fashion, with increasing numbers of pet-only fashion designers entering the market and powerhouse industry soirees taking place at *Pet Fashion Week* in New York twice a year. And, just like in the real fashion



Seen here are some of the pups that have been featured on *Pet Fashion*, which airs 7 p.m. on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays on The Pet Network.

world, clothes exist at all pricing levels for plebes and princes alike.

"The trends in the fashion world very much mimic the trends in the pet world. Like human fashion, there's the affordable fashion and then there's couture. This is big business," Rustia said.

Case-in-point: One show segment highlighted a \$600 hand knit sweater for a Chihuahua that could make even the most frivolous spender wince.

**"The trends in the fashion world very much mimic the trends in the pet world. There's the affordable fashion and then there's couture."**

Jeff Rustia

Some stores in places like Los Angeles have even gone so far as to design their interiors to cater to four-legged shoppers, placing outfits on miniature racks lowered down to dog-height.

In a recent episode, *Pet Fashion* filmed a full doggy wedding, complete with

gowns, invitations, seating arrangements, table centre-pieces and a huge wedding cake made out of organic dog biscuits. Rustia says such things show the pet industry has matured beyond basic necessities, toys and treats.

"For me it's just a fact

that there is a market out there. This is a whole niche industry within the pet world that's absolutely insane, it's wild, it's incredible and it's amazing," Rustia said.

Rustia says the growth of pet fashion is all part of a push by owners to make their pets an extension of themselves.

"Often we catch pets and pet owners not only dressing alike but behaving alike too. I think we see ourselves in our pets," Rustia said.

As for what Poochie thinks about his tight new little leather jacket, Rustia says not to worry.

"Dogs and cats are great about telling you rather quickly when they do not like something. For the most part, they get used to (the clothes) and they really like them," Rustia said.

For more of the Paws and Claws exclusive series check Workology frequently or stop by: [metronews.ca/work](http://metronews.ca/work)



## Metro readers' best friends

Paws and Claws feature

• Metro would like thank everyone who has sent in a picture of their pet, we'll try to publish as many as we can throughout the month of April.



Here's Frank the Weinerdog (or Daschund).



Here's Holly the Pembroke Welsh Corgi.



Here's Cooper, the Lhasa Apso.



Right: Here's Peanut, the rescued Yorkshire Terrier.

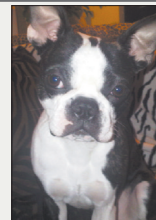


Left: Here's Chinook, the nine-year-old Malamute-Husky mix.

Right: Here's Buckley, being cute.



Here's Brockie the Boston Terrier.



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# Personalizing funeral services

## Death midwife brings creativity into the grieving process; and it's green too

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**Diane Peters**

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When Shelley Sherriff's father died back in the 1980s, she and her siblings were by his side in his hospital room. After he had passed, they found they didn't want to leave him. They stayed in the room all day, until finally the hospital asked them to go home.

"I wondered if there was another way," Sherriff, now 56, asked herself back then. Sherriff spent many of the last few years caring for her aging mother, who was in her 90s when she died. Again, the process after the death felt impersonal.

So, the website designer, who lives in both Victoria

and Salt Spring Island, started doing some research. She discovered a so-called death midwife named Jerri-grace Lyons in California who both offered and taught others about offering at-home funeral services that could be both personalized and were environmentally friendly.

Over the last year, Sherriff visited Lyons and took three of her training courses. Although it's not recognized by any official body, Sherriff was certified as a death midwife through Lyons's company Final Passages.

Now, Sherriff is hard at work setting up Walking You Home. When someone dies, the family can call her instead of a funeral home. She'll arrive and will help the family bathe and dress the body, which Sherriff says is often a very caring and meaningful experience. She can also provide a casket: Either one made of cardboard, or local pine that will biodegrade. (Many

**"It's a great opportunity for people to process their grief in a creative way."**

Death midwife Shelley Sherriff

caskets are made from lacquered exotic hardwood with have metal parts on them and won't break down.) If they wish, the family can decorate the casket. "It's a great opportunity for people to process their grief in a creative way," she says.

Using dry ice to preserve

the body — formaldehyde is very expensive and it is said to cause cancer in funeral home staff and is not healthy for the environment once the body's in the ground — Sherriff can leave the body in her client's home for as long as three days. Then, the family can have a traditional funeral,

or a ceremony of their own creation, all run by Sherriff. All the while, Sherriff helps the family fill out paperwork and can arrange for the final burial or cremation.

While she's not yet open for business, Sherriff has been talking to people in her community and they've shown a lot of interest in her services, which are

cheaper, more personal and greener than the customary approach to death today.

She plans to keep up her website work, but her long-term goal will be to guide people through death full time. "This is where my real heart and passion are."

Diane Peters once hawked magic pens at the Canadian National Exhibition. She's now a writer and part-time journalism instructor.

**The Lowdown**

**Job title:** Death midwife.

**Education/training:** Courses through an established death midwife.

**Best Part of the Job:** "Facilitating people being able to have what can be a very meaningful experience that they would otherwise miss."

**Worst Part of the Job:** "Being compassionately open to people's grief, but not taking that on."

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**Kutcher donates Twitter winnings**

# Entertainment

**Wed again**

Salma Hayek and her husband, François-Henri Pinault, held a lavish wedding ceremony in Venice, Italy, this weekend. **METRO WORLD NEWS**

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## Box office

- 1 Obsessed:**  
\$28.5 million US
- 2 17 Again:**  
\$11.7 million
- 3 Fighting:**  
\$11.4 million
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\$9.7 million
- 5 Earth:**  
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- 6 Monsters vs. Aliens:**  
\$8.5 million
- 7 State of Play:**  
\$6.9 million
- 8 Hannah Montana: The Movies:**  
\$6.4 million
- 9 Fast & Furious:**  
\$6.1 million
- 10 Crank: High Voltage:**  
\$3.0 million **REUTERS**

## M. Ward: Hold Time rocker

KEITH CARMAN  
for Metro Canada

**Antiquated: Not the word that immediately comes to mind when considering a chart-topping pop album. Yet it's the best means to describe the gracefulness of Newbury Park, Calif., native M. Ward and his sixth release, Hold Time (Merge Records).**

There's a haunting familiarity to this folk-inspired singer/songwriter. Soft-spoken yet captivating, he mystifies and enraptures audiences with a velvety voice and smooth musical progressions that feel closer to orchestral movements performed by simplistic keyboards and guitars than a room full of classically-trained prodigies. Even Ward himself embraces the description. If Hold Time is antiquated,



Folk-inspired singer/songwriter M. Ward recently released his sixth album, Hold Time.

he's done his job right.

"That's my biggest inspiration," he beams about ghosts of musicians past. "I like older production and guitar styles and every record is an experiment. I try my best to keep things as new as possible but because I'm a fan of older music, I'm constantly getting reminders of little I know about every element of music. Hearing records from people like Django Reinhardt remind you of how much of a beginner you truly are."

Ward understands how unusual it is to be a 36-year-old independent folk musician with closer ties to the 1920s than the 2020s. Yet to him, writing and recording music today

**"I like older production and guitar styles and every record is an experiment."**

M. Ward

has become disposable; so common that anyone with a computer and a spare half-hour can create the next big single. Moreover, those "artists" burn bright and fast but fade quickly. As with his heroes though, Ward's music is slowly beginning to outshine those supernovas. His increasing popularity continues to blossom, proving that substance still beats style.

"I ask myself why I like older music more than current music all the time," he confesses. "I think it might have to do with having a closer relationship to the music I listened to growing up before I knew what music was. Somehow with music in memory, childhood and spirituality, there are a lot of overlapping circles. For some reason, certain songs loom large in those areas. Most of those songs were not written by people like (one would find) today."

As music forges on deeper into the digital age, this audiophile clings tighter to his analog ways. He only allows in enough technology to commit his craft to tape, not to take it. While others may have forgotten music's rudiments, to Ward, they are still very real; very present. Maybe that's why we find him so enigmatic. "There are pluses and minuses to having recording capabilities in every person's bedroom," he says, humbly dismissing the notion. "It makes life easy for everyone to record but not for everyone to hear. For myself, it's not much of an issue because I still stay pretty focused on my inspiration and I never feel a great pressure to stay on top of whoever's on the cover of Spin. It's for my own pleasure. That's how I did it when I first started and nothing's changed."

## Obsessed lacking sex, thrills

### Obsessed

**Director:** Steve Shill  
**Stars:** Idris Elba, Beyoncé Knowles  
**Classification:** 14A  
**Rating:** Ⓢ

STEVE GOW  
for Metro Canada

**REVIEW** For a movie that's being marketed as "this year's sexiest thriller," Obsessed certainly lacks some key components. Like sex and thrills for starters.

In fact, motivated characters, a sharper script and a consistent tone wouldn't have hurt the value of this so-called thriller either.

In the neutered Fatal Attraction wannabe, Idris El-



Beyoncé Knowles in Obsessed.

ba (RocknRolla) plays Derek Charles, a successful executive who suddenly finds himself the mark of an attractive office temp named Lisa (Ali Larter).

"I think you'll find I'm not your typical temp," she tells Derek — and boy, does she mean it. Soon, Lisa is seductively sidling

up to Derek at the office party, peeling off clothes in his parked car and sneaking into his hotel room. It would all be oh-so intriguing if Derek were tempted, but he's not — even though that aspect would've jacked up the drama exponentially.

Eventually, Obsessed does deliver what most fans may be anticipating — a saucy, over-the-top scrap between Larter and Knowles (I'm not spoiling anything — it's heavily featured in the trailer). But as entertaining as that campy sequence is, it doesn't fit the tone of the rest of the drama. It doesn't matter anyhow — you'll be deep into a catnap before the catfight even begins.

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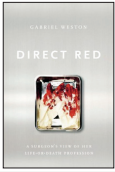
## Drama in a drama

ABC's *Lost*, and one of its stars find themselves the target of a nasty lawsuit. A former employee of the show is suing over her claims that she was sexually harassed by actor Henry Ian Cusick and then fired for complaining about it, according to Fox News. **METRO WORLD NEWS**



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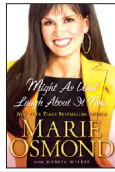
## Opening up surgery's secrets



## Direct Red

**Author:** Gabriel Weston  
**Publisher:** Bond Street Books  
**Price:** \$29.95 (Hardcover)

When one goes under the knife, anesthesia relieves having to feel the pain associated with serious surgery. But Gabriel Weston slices open this world unknown in *Direct Red*, her chronicle of life as a surgeon. The depiction begins with how an unlikely medical worker entered the profession after obtaining an unrelated arts degree. The story propels quickly with emotionally and physically graphic descriptions of what transpires when one is put under. Honest and direct, Weston shares her experiences to relay the challenging life of a surgeon and to unearth an insider medical world, once seen only by the profession's practitioners.



## Might As Well Laugh About It Now

**Author:** Marie Osmond with Marcia Wilkie  
**Publisher:** Penguin Canada  
**Price:** \$31 (Hardcover)

For 46 years, Marie Osmond has lived her life in public. From the age of three, performing with The Osmonds on *The Andy Williams Show*, she's had her share of the spotlight—but it's not always been glamorous. In this memoir, Osmond reviews the triumphs and blunders she's encountered along her journey through stardom. While at times mundane, like her shameless promotion of NutriSystem, Osmond does open up and offer candid reflections on her struggles with weight and juggling eight children.



## The Origin of Species

**Author:** Nino Ricci  
**Publisher:** Anchor Canada  
**Price:** \$22 (Paperback)

Winner of the 2008 Governor General's Literary Award for fiction, *The Origin of Species* is a fictional observation on the purpose of existence and the beauty of life. Toronto novelist Nino Ricci introduces protagonist Alex Fratarangel, living in 1980s Montreal. The grad student is perturbed by his past relationships and the point of his life, leading him to seek a therapist. The therapy he receives and several influential characters with their own afflictions leads Alex to realize life lessons learned in years past that now become strikingly clear.

BRIAN COULTON/FOR METRO CANADA

## BookPicks

## Stripper stand-in at reunion earns comedy writer Hollywood fame

Comedy writer Andrea Wachner hated the idea of going to her 10-year high school reunion so much that she hired a stripper to go instead, and what followed, she says, was a comical study in human nature.

Her story is detailed in a nearly 40-minute documentary directed by Wachner that, because of issues surrounding its length and getting approval to show it from former classmates, may never be seen—not even by her parents.

But the 31-year-old Los Angeles resident said on Friday she hopes it will someday and even if not, Hollywood already has come knocking on her door. She has written a feature film script based on her story, is trying to sell a reality TV show from it, has appeared on cable news channel CNN, and is scheduled to be on ABC's morning chat show *Good Morning America*.

"I've been so lucky throughout this whole experience. Everything that could go wrong, went right," she told Reuters. "I

love the way it all turned out."

But some of her classmates don't.

"There

have been a few people that were pretty vitriolic, and I have received some angry letters," she said.

In 1995, Wachner graduated from Palos Verdes Peninsula High School in an upscale Los Angeles-area neighborhood and never looked back. She left for New York City, where she attended New York University, graduating in 2000. When she received the invitation to attend her 10-year reunion, she said she would not have dreamed of going because she hated her years at the school, where BMW and Mercedes-Benz cars were prized possessions.

But Wachner did want to see how people would react if the self-described "drama geek" showed up a changed woman—a strip-

**"I've been so lucky throughout this whole experience. Everything that could go wrong, went right."**

Comedy writer  
Andrea Wachner

per, no less.

So, she hired Amy Bernadette "Cricket" Russell,

whom she met at a Los Angeles strip club, to impersonate her. Cricket showed up in a slinky

dress, fishnet hose and spike heels.

Judging from the film's promotional trailer, a few people may have been fooled and a few were not. Andrea—make that Cricket—got one invitation for a private performance.

Wachner said she did not set out to embarrass or make fun of classmates. Rather, she wanted to see how they would react if their old stereotype of Wachner was turned upside down.

"I love taking things that exist in the world as given—things that are mainstream, notions that people take for granted—and making people re-think them," she said. **REUTERS**

## Golden Girls star Arthur dies at 86

**DEATH** Emmy Award-winning actress Bea Arthur, best known as star of the hit TV comedies *Maude* and *Golden Girls*, has died at age 86, entertainment news websites reported Saturday.

Arthur, a longtime stage actress whose comic timing and deadpan delivery were a perfect fit for her sharp-tongued roles on the two series, died of cancer at her Los Angeles home, celebrity website TMZ reported.

Representatives for the actress, who won best-actress Emmys—America's top television award—for *Maude* and *Golden Girls*, could not immediately be reached for comment.

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|         | 14  | YTV    | 552 543 | Drake & Josh   | iCarly         | Karaoke Star Junior (N)                            |                     | Malcolm-Mid.                  | Futurama                      | League-Evil                            | Zixx Level                 | Falcon Beach   |
|         | 17  | TREE   | 553 546 | Little Bear  | Bucket-Dinos   | Comfy Couch  | Big & Small         | Max & Ruby                    | Babar                         | Backyardigans                          | Dora-Explorer              | Go, Diego, Go! |
|         | 42  | TOON   | 555 545 | Ben 10   | Johnny Test    | Totally Spies                                      | Total Drama         | 6TEEN                         | 6TEEN                         | Futurama                               | Punch                      | Robot Chicken  |
|         | 45  | FAM    | 557 541 | Zoe 101  | Life Derek     | Wizards-Place                                      | Han, Montana        | Zack & Cody                   | Latest Buzz                   | Wizards-Place                          | Life Derek                 | Ned's School   |
|         | -   | TVA    | 121 714 | TVA 18 heures  | Le Cercle (SC) | Gala Artis en coulisses (N)                        |                     | Annie et ses hommes (N) (SC)  | Monk (HDTV) (SC)              |  |                            | TVA 22 heures  |
|         | 18  | CMT    | 575 583 | Reba   | Reba           | Hope & Faith                                       | Hope & Faith        | Karaoke Star Junior           |                               | Home Improve.                          | Home Improve.              | Reba           |
|         | 25  | A&E    | 615 520 | Intervention "Case"                                      |                | Paranormal   | Paranormal          | Paranormal                    | Paranormal                    | Intervention "John C."                 |                            | Intervention   |
|         | 26  | MMM    | 571 581 | Don't Forget the Lyrics!                                 |                | Entourage  | Gene Simmons        | The Daily Fix                 |                               | Don't Forget the Lyrics!               |                            | Entourage      |
|         | 29  | FOOD   | 603 561 | Food Detective   | Get on Plate   | Kitchen Nightmares                                 |                     | Restaurant Makeover           |                               | Unwrapped                              |                            | Work for Food  |
|         | 31  | SHOW   | 617 522 | Wife Swap  |                | The Outer Limits                                   |                     | Cashing In                    | Kink in Hair                  | Kenny-Spenny                           | Kenny-Spenny               | Name Is Earl   |
|         | 32  | DISC   | 520 505 | Dirty Jobs   |                | The Detonators (N)                                 |                     | Daily Planet                  |                               | Dirty Jobs                             |                            | Detonator      |
|         | 33  | SLICE  | 601 562 | Wedding SOS  | Wedding SOS    | My Wardrobe  | So Chic             | ET Canada                     | Til Debt-Part                 |  | Real Housewives OC         | Trading Sp     |
|         | 34  | W      | 602 567 | Style by Jury  | Style by Jury  | Will & Grace                                       | Friends             | How Clean                     | Kim                           | Love It or List It (N)                 |                            | The Agents (N) |
|         | 35  | TLC    | 521 560 | Table for 12   | Jon & Kate     | Jon & Kate Plus 8                                  |                     | Little People                 | Little People                 | Table for 12                           | Jon & Kate                 | Jon & Kate     |
|         | 36  | BRAVO  | 620 523 | The 2009 JUNO Awards                                     |                |  |                     | Law & Order "Vendetta"        |                               | Without a Trace                        |                            | Just a Kiss    |
|         | 38  | SPIKE  | 628 584 | Ultimate Fighting Championship 95: Sanchez vs. Stevenson |                |  |                     | Pros vs. Joes: All Stars      |                               | CSI: NY "YoungBlood"                   |                            | Amazing Video  |
|         | 40  | HIST   | 522 506 | Victory 1945 (Part 2 of 2)                               |                | NCIS "Tribes"                                      |                     | Sea Hunters "Force 2"         |                               | Hero Ships                             |                            | Battle 360     |
|         | 41  | COM    | 626 547 | Laughs   | Comedy Now     | Air Farce  | Just for Laughs     |                               | Corner Gas                    |  | The Simpsons               | South Park     |
|         | 43  | SPACE  | 627 528 | (6) Star Trek II: The Wrath of Khan                      |                |  | The Circuit         | Stargate SG-1                 |                               | Star Trek: Next Gener.                 |                            | Star Trek II   |
|         | 44  | WPCH   | 294 650 | MLB Baseball   |                | Home Videos  | Home-Payne          | Seinfeld                      | Family Guy                    | Family Guy                             | Shadow Conspiracy * (1997) |                |
|         | 46  | OLN    | 411 457 | Mantracker   |                | Bounty Hunter                                      | Bounty Hunter       | Departures                    | Mantracker                    |  |                            | Bounty Hunter  |
|         | 48  | TROP   | 619 525 | What Happen?   | What Happen?   | Vanity Insanity                                    | Reality             | Carlawood                     | E News                        | Ground Up                              |                            | Smarter        |
|         | 50  | STAR   | 621 527 | Living the Life  | Look-A-Like    | The Tonight Show-Jay Leno                          |                     | TMZ                           | etalk                         | The View Hot topics.                   |                            | Ellen Show     |
|         | 52  | HGTV   | 600 564 | Property Virgin  | My First Place | House Hunters                                      | House Hunters       | Holmes on Homes               |                               | Property Virgin                        | Income Prop.               | My First Place |
|         | 65  | TLN    | 700 800 | Carabinieri  |                | Raymond  | Raymond             | George Lopez                  | George Lopez                  | The Sopranos (SS)                      |                            | Pagado         |
|         | 92  | APTN   | 269 350 | MTV  | The Mix        | Miywayawin   | Dancing-Spirit      | Nedaa: Your Eye on the Yukon  |                               | Suaganan                               | Sharing Circle             | Cowboy C'try   |
|         | 93  | VISION | 261 394 | McLeod's Daughters                                       |                | Twist of Faith                                     | Clergy              | Pottergeist: The Legacy       |                               | Cocoon: The Return * * (1988, Fantasy) |                            |                |
|         | 100 | MTV    | 581 566 | College Life   | The Hills      | The Hills  | After Show          | MTV Live                      | MTV News                      |  | Taking the Stage           | The Hills      |
|         | 101 | MM     | 570 580 | Shot at Love-Tila Tequila                                |                | MuchNews   | Video on Trial      | MuchOnDemand                  |                               | Shot at Love-Tila Tequila              |                            | MuchNews       |
|         | 102 | CPAC   | 512 396 | (6:30) Primetime Politics                                |                | Revue  | Question Period     | Question Period               |                               | Prime-Politics                         | Primetime Politics         |                |
|         | 103 | VIVA   | 526 507 | Commander in Chief                                       |                | Fraud  | Lie Detective       | Mediums                       | In Dreams                     | Judging Amy                            |                            | Commander      |
|         | 106 | RDI    | 126 730 | Le Téléjournal (SC)                                      |                | RDI en direct                                      | Le National         | Le Téléjournal (SC)           |                               | Le Journal RDI                         | Le National                | Le Téléjournal |
|         | 161 | SUPER  |         | Party Down   | Head Case      | Trust Me (HDTV)                                    |                     | Satisfaction (HDTV)           |                               | Party Down                             | Head Case                  | Trust Me       |

## critics'corner

## The Fiddle and the Drum

That Joni Mitchell's got her hand in almost everything! Alberta Ballet artistic director Jean Grande-Maitre and songwriter Mitchell got together and came up with a ballet set to her music and performed in front of shots of her artwork. Yes, she paints, too. Influencing Mitchell's music and art are her concerns about the environment and war. 5 PM on BRAVO



## CSI: Miami

It's not unusual for network executives to turn to reality television to deliver some killer ratings, but it's the real-life murder of a reality star that causes Horatio and the CSI team to delve into the world of a TV dating show in the new episode "Dead on Arrival." 8 PM on CFRN; 11 PM on KREM

## Chuck

Chuck must save Ellie's life and keep her wedding to Awe-some from being ruined by Ted Roark (guest star Chevy Chase) and Fulcrum. Morgan Fairchild, Bruce Boxleitner, Tony Hale and Scott Bakula also guest star in the season finale, "Chuck vs. the Rino." 9 PM on CKEM HKQ



Jon Bon Jovi revealed the secret to his lasting marriage to Dorothea Hurley: He's survived for almost two decades because he lives in fear of upsetting his spouse. "Let's get that right here, right now. I'm afraid of my wife," he confessed. **FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK**

**Bon Jovi's marriage secret**

## Celebrity Buzz

### Lindsay's weight loss a cry for help?

**BREAKUP** Lindsay Lohan has been getting dangerously thin, and her friends claim it's a cry for help after her breakup from Samantha Ronson.

"She is a self-destructive person," a source tells People magazine. "It's all part of her cry for attention. She wants Sam to see how bad she's hurting and she wants Hollywood to see her as a 'tortured artist' who is wasting away."



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### Miley's dilemma: Justin or Nick?

**RELATIONSHIP** Miley Cyrus finds herself torn between boyfriend Justin Gaston and ex Nick Jonas, according to Gatecrasher. "I think Miley and Nick are definitely in the process of rekindling their romance," a source says, spilling that Cyrus recently got close to Jonas on a visit to his home.

"Nick's parents have this rule that when a girl is over, the door has to be open, but that didn't stop Nick and Miley from making out."

Another source claims Jonas is pushing Cyrus to end things with Gaston before they go any further.

"She doesn't know how to tell Justin that they're over, but Nick is being very firm with her."

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# Spence and Heidi marry — again

**MARRIAGE** Heidi Montag is officially Mrs. Spencer Pratt, people.com reports. The Hills stars got married in an early evening ceremony at the Westminster Presbyterian Church in Pasadena, Calif., on Saturday, People has confirmed. Montag, 22, and Pratt, 25, exchanged vows before about 200 guests, including Audrina Patridge, Kristin Cavallari, Brody Jenner and Frankie Delgado.

The bride wore jewels from Neil Lane, including a pear-shaped diamond floral necklace with multiple

diamond chains layered over it, diamond earrings and diamond hairpins, which she picked out the day before the nuptials. Pratt borrowed a pair of diamond cufflinks from the jeweller for the big day.

The couple arrived at the church in a white Rolls Royce Phantom. Before the ceremony, an airplane flew overhead and wrote "Spencer loves Heidi" in the sky. Pratt, in a black suit, smiled and signed autographs for fans outside the church.

Meanwhile, Montag

posted multiple updates on Twitter throughout the day. "This is going to be the best day of my life," she wrote at one point. "Thank you God for Spencer."

She also described her wedding dress as

"amazing — like a swan princess."

After the ceremony, the newlyweds kissed on the church steps. Wedding guests threw rose petals at the

couple, who left for the reception in a black Rolls Royce Phantom.

The night before the ceremony, the couple held a rehearsal dinner at Wolfgang Puck's Cut. The dinner included about 40 guests — and camera crews, which filmed the events, including the couple's heartfelt toasts.

The wedding comes five months after the pair flew to Mexico for an impromptu ceremony. The Mexican celebration did not include family and friends.

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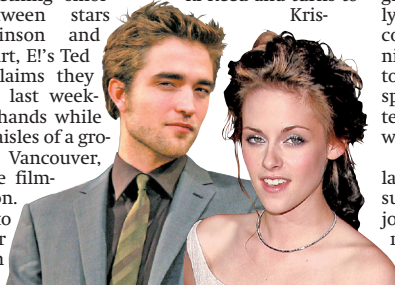
## Kristen and Robert a pair?

**RUMOUR** Another day, another rumour seemingly designed to set the Twilight-obsessed masses aquiver, wonderwall.msn.com reports.

Days after hinting that there's "something smoldering" between stars Robert Pattinson and Kristen Stewart, E!'s Ted Casablanca claims they were spotted last weekend holding hands while perusing the aisles of a grocery store in Vancouver, where they're filming New Moon.

According to a spy, the pair paused in

front of the tabloids and "giggled" over their own headlines, which included Life & Style's cover story, "Twilight Heartbreak: A huge fight erupts as Robert ends his affair with Nikki Reed and turns to Kristen."



ten, the girl he can't have."

Word is, once fellow shoppers noticed them and started gawking, the erstwhile Bella and Edward kept their digits to themselves. Still, the apparent grocery run wasn't the only weekend outing for the co-stars. On Saturday night, they were snapped together — with plenty of space between them — after a night on the town with castmate Reed.

Pattinson, however, laughs off the chatter as surreal. "It becomes a joke," he told Entertainment Tonight.

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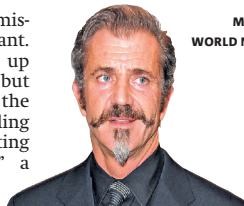
## Lovechild the last straw for Mel's wife?

**RUMOUR** The divorce drama for Mel Gibson doesn't seem to be calming down anytime soon.

The Sun now reports that the Braveheart star's wife filed for divorce when she learned that Oksana

Grigorieva, his alleged mistress, might be pregnant.

Robyn Gibson "put up with Mel for years but when she found out" the Russian singer was telling friends she was expecting "was the last straw," a source said.



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## Rihanna's borrowed bling brouhaha

**LEGAL** Four jewellers who lent Rihanna approximately \$1 million US worth of accessories the night of her alleged beating by Chris Brown want their bling back, people.com reports.

Since late March, Rihanna, 21, has been trying to recover the borrowed jewelry from the LAPD, who took the items into evidence in their probe.

"Since there appears to be no evidentiary value to the continued holding of this jewelry ... we respectfully (ask) the court to order the return of this property to (Rihanna)," her lawyer Donald Etra wrote in a court request filed earlier this week.

The items were described as two yellow metal hoop

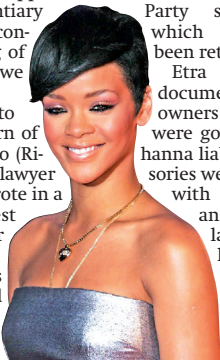
earrings with white stones; one yellow metal ring with white and green stones; two yellow metal rings with white stones.

"If the DA doesn't need the items, and the LAPD doesn't need the items, there's no reason why they shouldn't be returned," Etra tells People.

A source adds that Rihanna also borrowed a Gucci dress for the Feb. 7 Clive Davis Pre-Grammy Party she attended, which also has not been returned.

Etra states in the documents that the owners of the jewelry were going to hold Rihanna liable if the accessories weren't returned, with the total cost and damages related to their late return as more than \$1.4 million.

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Morning clouds.  
5°C / -5°C



**Tuesday**  
Mostly sunny.  
8°C / -5°C

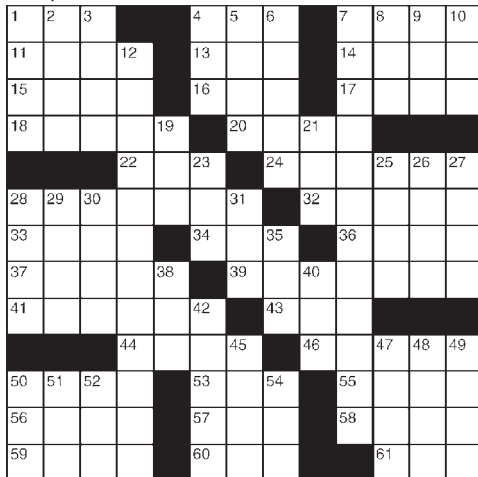


**Wednesday**  
Sunny. Mild.  
11°C / -6°C



**Michele McDougall, Weather Specialist & Host - Breakfast Television**

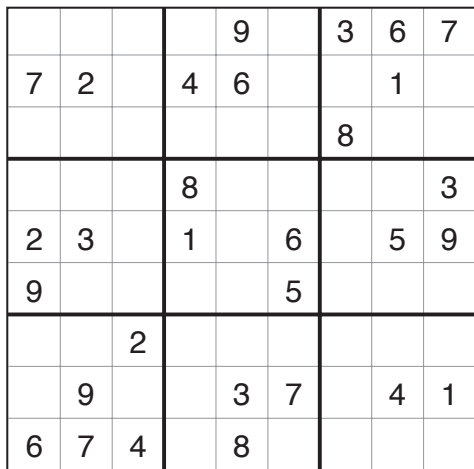
"My favourite part is reporting the weather. It fascinates me, and as we know around here, it's always changing, keeping forecasters on their toes!" **WEEKDAYS AT 6 A.M.**



### Sudoku

For more/less challenging Sudoku puzzles, visit [metronews.ca](http://metronews.ca)

**HOW TO PLAY:** Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone — one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.



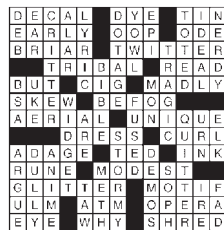
### Crossword across

- 1 Proscribe
- 4 Pugilistic ploy
- 7 Greek salad ingredient
- 11 Venusian fleet?
- 13 Puncturing tool
- 14 Leave out
- 15 Creche trio
- 16 Sticky stuff
- 17 Ancient letter
- 18 Sub
- 20 LummoX
- 22 Afternoon affair
- 24 Soul
- 28 Watch the kids
- 32 Moral principle
- 33 Grad
- 34 Treasure seeker's aid
- 36 Long lunch?
- 37 Helvetica lack
- 39 Inhabitant
- 41 Anatomical rupture
- 43 Teensy
- 44 Pre-swan
- 46 Duck
- 50 Shock
- 53 Once around
- 55 "Zounds!"
- 56 Pennsylvania port
- 57 Have bills
- 58 Fax
- 59 Hotel furniture
- 60 Potent stick
- 61 Rotation duration

### Crossword down

- 1 Ecdysiast's move
- 2 Somewhere out there
- 3 "Fuggedaboutit"
- 4 Binge
- 5 MP's quarry
- 6 High-arc baseball pitch
- 7 Ali Baba's foes
- 8 Flightless bird
- 9 Bronze component
- 10 Noshed on
- 12 Andy Rooney's show
- 19 Thumbs-up
- 21 Employ
- 23 Intention
- 25 At so-and-so's house (Fr.)
- 26 Take on
- 27 Greenspan's field (Abbr.)
- 28 Hit hard
- 29 Sheltered
- 30 "Ironsides" star
- 31 Slight amount
- 35 Church seat
- 38 Newton ingredient
- 40 Born
- 42 Apportion
- 45 Show boredom
- 47 On in years
- 48 Carvey or Delany
- 49 Vortex
- 50 Dubya's brother
- 51 Raw rock
- 52 Cover
- 54 Favourite

### PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:



|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 5 | 8 | 2 | 4 | 6 | 1 | 3 | 7 | 9 |
| 7 | 6 | 1 | 9 | 5 | 3 | 2 | 8 | 4 |
| 3 | 9 | 4 | 7 | 8 | 2 | 5 | 6 | 1 |
| 6 | 2 | 7 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 8 | 9 | 5 |
| 8 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 9 | 5 | 6 | 1 | 7 |
| 9 | 1 | 5 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 4 | 2 | 3 |
| 1 | 3 | 8 | 5 | 2 | 7 | 9 | 4 | 6 |
| 4 | 7 | 9 | 6 | 3 | 8 | 1 | 5 | 2 |
| 2 | 5 | 6 | 1 | 4 | 9 | 7 | 3 | 8 |

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### SUDOKU SOLVE TIME:

Under 13 min .....Genius  
13-17 min .....Scholar  
17-21 min .....Smart  
21-25 min .....Not bad  
25+ min .....Keep practising

### Metro Recipe of the Day



### Grilled Rosemary Chicken

#### INGREDIENTS:

8 sprigs of rosemary, each about 2 in. (5 cm) long  
8 large chicken thighs  
1 lb (450 g) new potatoes  
Salt and black pepper  
5 tbsp (75 ml) olive oil  
2 large cloves garlic  
6 tbsp (90 ml) good-quality mayonnaise

#### METHOD:

1. Preheat broiler to high and boil water in kettle. Rinse and dry rosemary and insert sprig under the skin on each chicken thigh.  
2. Scrub potatoes, put into a pot, cover them with boiling water, and add a little salt. Bring back to boil and cook until tender, 15 minutes.  
3. Meanwhile, arrange chicken, skin-sides down, on grill rack. Brush with 1 1/2 tbsp (20 ml) oil, sprinkle with salt and pepper, and broil 10 minutes. Turn thighs, brush with 1 1/2 tbsp (20 ml) oil, season and cook 10 min-

utes more, until skin is golden and crisp. Turn off broiler, but leave chicken in oven to keep warm.  
4. While chicken is cooking, put remaining oil into small pot. Peel garlic, crush into oil and shake over moderate heat until just beginning to sizzle. Turn off heat. Beat in mayonnaise with 2 tbsp (25 ml) very hot water from kettle, then cover and keep warm.  
5. Drain potatoes, return to pot and crush with fork until roughly broken open and slightly flattened.  
6. Divide chicken thighs potatoes among 4 plates. Spoon over mayonnaise, sprinkle with black pepper, and serve.

**SERVES 4**



### Horoscopes

#### ARIES

**MARCH 21-APRIL 20**

Don't fool around with a bashful person. Uncertainty crops up about debts. Mechanical problems provoke harsh words.

#### LIBRA

**SEPT 23-OCT 23**

You'll succeed beyond your wildest dreams. Avoidable anxieties only waste your time. Shabby treatment leads to hurt feelings.

#### TAURUS

**APRIL 21-MAY 21**

A newcomer's purpose will be revealed. Someone has a good financial move in the works. A handshake isn't as reassuring as a kiss.

#### SCORPIO

**OCT 24-NOV 22**

A situation has to work itself out. An oracle doesn't see the whole picture. A flowery conversation proves to be inadequate.

#### GEMINI

**MAY 22-JUNE 21**

Meet with the people who make the decisions. Someone's child needs more respect. An infatuation is getting to be outrageous.

#### SAGITTARIUS

**NOV 23-DEC 21**

There's something you forgot to do. Shun a frustrating neighbour for the last time. The bearer of bad news gets unexpected guests.

#### CANCER

**JUNE 22-JULY 22**

You'll be in agreement with a plan. A friend is thrilled by unusual matchmaking. Don't tease a boaster who wins a prize.

#### CAPRICORN

**DEC 22-JAN 20**

Someone desperately wants something from you. Smile when confronted by an impolite person. Do not show disdain for anyone.

#### LEO

**JULY 23-AUG 23**

Humorous fanatics put an end to sentimentality. A renegade does a good deed. The loss of freedom drives you crazy.

#### AQUARIUS

**JAN 21-FEB 18**

Give your support only if a man responds to messages. A greedy woman is disgusting. Scandal breaks out after a public breakdown.

#### VIRGO

**AUG 24-SEPT 22**

When disgruntlement causes exhaustion — take a vacation. An obstacle contributes to a problem. A cruel person has revenge in mind.

#### PISCES

**FEB 19-MARCH 20**

A strange event won't squander good moments. Don't try to correct any foolish choices. Explain messages to avoid breaking a heart.

### WORDY GURDY

1. Reimbursed housekeeper (1)
  2. Betray Supremes' leader Diana (1)
  3. Forbid entry to "Oz" lion Bert (1)
  4. Paper fastener in a syrup tree (2)
  5. Coven members' things to scratch (2)
  6. Staggering backward sensation (2)
  7. Seamen's mobile homes (2)
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### This day in history

APRIL 27, 1667: The blind and impoverished John Milton sells the copyright of *Paradise Lost* for £10.  
APRIL 27, 1749: First performance of Handel's *Fireworks Music* in Green Park, London.  
APRIL 27, 1810: Beethoven composes his famous piano piece, *Für Elise*.  
APRIL 27, 1959: The last Canadian missionary leaves the People's Republic of China.  
APRIL 27, 1967: Expo 67 officially opens in Montreal with a large opening ceremony broadcast around the world. It opens to the public the next day.

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